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Michelle Cram, a pathologist from my office, presented a paper and poster at the sixth meeting of IUFRO working party 7.03.04: Diseases and Insects in Forest Nurseries. The meeting was held in Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic during September 9 to 14, 2005. This letter presents Michelle's trip report that details her participation in the meeting.

The IUFRO meeting in Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic, was attended by 30 professionals from 10 different countries. A total of 25 papers and 4 posters were presented during the meeting. I presented the following paper and poster:

Oral Presentation: Biology and management of *Longidorus americanum* in a southern USA nursery. Michelle Cram and Stephen Fraedrich.

Poster: *Tylenchorhynchus ewingi* : host range and effect on *Pinus taeda*. Stephen Fraedrich and Michelle Cram.

During the meeting we visited the Forestry and Game Management Research Institute, as well as several nurseries (Kladikov and two Budisov nerseries). Unlike most southern nurseries in America, these nurseries do not use methyl bromide and appear to rely more on mechanical and hand weeding. They had a tractor designed to till in between the rows of seedlings to help control weeds. I thought this piece of equipment might interest American forest nurseries. We also got to see the effort to eradicate the outbreak of chestnut blight at the Kladikov nursery. These are just a few examples of the different practices and problems that we saw during the meeting in the Czech Republic.

The IUFRO working party decided that it was time for America to take on the leadership and hosting of the next meeting. I was asked to be the new coordinator for the IUFRO working party, which I accepted. Robert (Bob) James will be hosting the next IUFRO meeting in Hawaii.



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